### Michigan's Food & Agriculture Border Gateway Summit

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### **Outline**

- Brief History of Customs and Border Protection
- General Overview of national and local CBP inspections
- Role of CBP Agriculture Specialist
- Agency collaborators
- Mission Statement

### Former Agencies that Comprise CBP:



U.S. Customs Service

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Department of Agriculture

■ U.S. Border Patrol

### Customs and Border Protection

- Protect America's borders against terrorists and weapons of mass destruction
- Guard against smuggling
- Insure legal immigration
- Protect America's agriculture



Collect and protect the country's revenue



"Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory."

George S. Patton

### Ports of entry are a key line of defense

In fiscal year 2007, CBP
Officers nationwide
inspected 411 million
travelers and more than 120
million cars, trucks, buses,
trains, vessels and aircraft.



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### The scope of our task is daunting







### U.S. Agriculture...

- Valued at \$230 billion & accounts for more than 15% of our GDP.
- Generates > \$1 trillion annually in economic activity, making it the largest employer in the U.S.
- 1 out of 6 jobs is related to agriculture.
- The U.S. is the worlds largest exporter of agriculture products.



### We protect American agriculture

Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialists inspect prohibited products that may carry pests and disease.



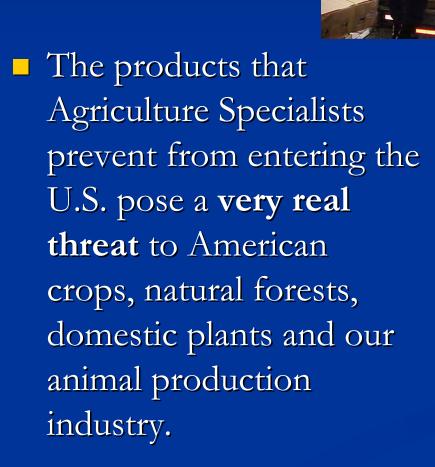
















Through inspection of commodities and seized products, they found nearly **60,000 actionable or reportable plant pest interceptions**.



## Port of Detroit Agriculture Inspection



- Fiscal year 2006:
- > 267,730 Passengers were inspected.
- 100,497 Cargo inspections
   & clearances were completed.

- ❖ Fiscal year 2007:
- > 313,025 Passengers were inspected.
- 117,479 Cargo inspection
   & clearances were
   completed.

### Pest Risk Meetings

- Founded on August 30, 2005 & held quarterly
- To prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited animals, animal products, wildlife, & commodities that may harbor pandemic viruses







### Pest Risk Meetings

Expand efforts to investigate illegal commodities, block illegal importers, and increase scrutiny of shipments

from known offenders





### Pest Risk Meetings

- CBP DFO, OFO, CBPO, CBPAS
- USDA Identifier; APHIS VMO;
   APHIS SITC; APHIS State Plant
   Health Director; IES
- Michigan Dept. of Agriculture
- Food & Drug Administration



## Cooperation









- Customs and Border Protection
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (APHIS, SITC, IES, FSIS)
- Food and Drug Administration
- CDC, FBI, ICE, FWS, MDA, etc...



# We seek to continually improve.



#### **Our Mission**

We are the guardians of our Nation's borders.

We are America's frontline.

We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders.

We protect the American public against terrorists and the instruments of terror.

We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel.

We serve the American public with vigilance, integrity and professionalism.